

**In the Specification**

The specification has been amended as follows:

Add the following paragraph beginning at page 6 line 21 as follows:

Fig. 2 is a side-plan view of a filter assembly of the present invention.

Amend the paragraphs beginning at page 6, line 24 as follows:

In describing the preferred embodiment of the present invention, reference will be made herein to ~~FIG. 1~~FIGS. 1-2 of the drawings in which like numerals refer to like features of the invention. Features of the invention are not necessarily shown to scale.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17 as follows:

FIG. 1 is an illustration of one embodiment of the pressure limiting valve 10 of the present invention in the closed valve position. Valve 10 has an upper housing 12 with a valve inlet 15 and a lower housing 17 with a valve outlet 20. Upper housing 12 and lower housing 17 are preferably sonically welded together although alternative methods of attaching the two housings together can be used and are well known in the art. Both housings can be from metal or polymeric materials such as acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer (ABS). As depicted in Fig. 2, Filter-filter system components (not shown) are located downstream from valve outlet 20. Filter system components include, but are not limited to, a filter housing 110 containing a filtration medium 115, necessary tubing, fluid dispensing system 130, and the like. Preferably, the filtration medium 115 is capable of removing either or both chemical contaminants such as organic chemicals, and heavy

metals; and microbiological contaminants such as protozoan cysts, bacteria, and viral particles. Preferably, the filtration medium operates by diffusion. Such downstream filter components are likely to withstand a target pressure range exceeding 60 to 120 psi, but cannot handle the elevated flow rate that would result if the pressure were allowed to directly motivate the fluid in the absence of flow restriction or control.